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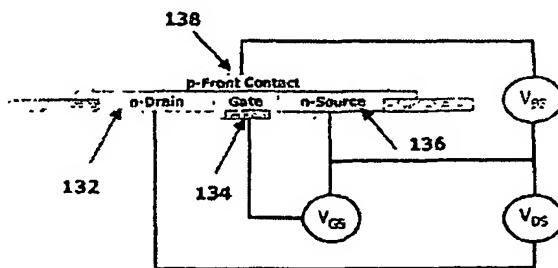
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(57) Abstract: A method of manufacturing an electronic component comprising at least one n- or p-doped portion, comprising the steps of: co-depositing inorganic semi-conducting nanoparticles and dopant on a substrate, the nanoparticles being a group four element such as silicon or germanium; fusing the nanoparticles by heating to form a continuous layer; and subsequently; and, recrystallising the layer.

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**A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER**

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1. claims: 1-30, 41-49, 61-75, 86, 87

Deposition of nanoparticles followed by an at least partial fusion of said nanoparticles.

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2. claims: 31-40, 50-60

Suspension of nanoparticles in an ink.

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3. claims: 76-83

Ink-jet deposition used to make portions of a transistor.

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4. claims: 84,85

Definition of patterns by contact lithographic printing, with the electrical characteristics of said patterns depending on their geometries.

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5. claim: 88

An apparatus with lithographic stamps allowing to deposit an hydrophilic liquid onto patterns.

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